

## TREASURY TO ISSUE REVENUE TAX RULES

Experts Expect to Give Out Much Information Soon as the Act Is Signed.

### FORMS TO BE SIMPLIFIED

Probability Is Time for Filing Returns Will Be Extended Until April 1.

*Special Dispatch to The Sun.*

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Plans for the rapid dissemination of information regarding tax collections by the Treasury Department under the new revenue law are being made by the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Experts have been keeping abreast of changes in the bill since the original draft by the Ways and Means Committee, following the measure introduced in the House, the Finance Committee, the Senate, and the conference. Now that it is expected the measure will soon become law these bureau experts are preparing a digest and interpretation of its various provisions for the benefit of the taxpayers.

Provisions that may appear obscure to the layman will be interpreted in public announcements. At the same time the bureau will send broadcast administrative rulings and decisions on all of the questions left to the discretion of the executive or administrative officers.

It is expected that some of these interpretations, rulings and decisions can be issued as soon as the act is signed by the President. A national publicity campaign will be conducted to acquaint taxpayers with their obligations.

The first tax forms for reports under the new law will be ready soon for distribution. They are the forms for reporting individual incomes in the lower brackets, that those under \$5,000 a year. These forms are simpler than those under the old law.

Designs plans for rapid execution of the various administrative details there is little doubt, however, that the time limit for the filing of individual and corporate returns will be postponed from March 1 probably to April 1 or possibly even later. In the meantime time must be given to taxpayers to study the forms and prepare their reports. Postponement of the time for final filing of returns will give the bureau a much shorter period in which to check returns. Returns that are due, but not yet in the case last year payment will be received on the original returns and bills sent out for errors.

## HELD AS INSANE, IS COMPLAINT OF VETS

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He says his food consisted of mush and bread twice daily and that the estimated cost of the meals did not exceed 13 cents, although each soldier is allowed 50 cents daily for food.

Longworth says the Red Cross forced an investigation of his case, but that the mental specialists were "white-washed" and the Red Cross officials told him he had been discharged from the army and held at St. Elizabeth's as "a menace to the community." He was not permitted to offer testimony in his own behalf, he asserts.

The facts in his case were several times laid before Secretary Baker, so Longworth declares. But no action was taken and Longworth complains that Baker has shown no sympathy in his complaint of cruelty to soldiers at Jefferson Barracks, St. Elizabeth's, Walter Reed and other hospitals.

"Is it probable," Longworth asked, "that Baker does not know that over 100 wounded are held in guard houses like criminals, confined in iron wards and treated like dogs?"

### SAYS BAKER Took Doctor's Word.

Just before Secretary Baker visited St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Longworth says, Dr. White, the superintendent, and took the physician's word for conditions in the other hospitals.

According to Longworth, 135 overeas wounded are being held at Jefferson Barracks where they are made to shovel coal, although they are being kept there because the doctors say they are not able to go to their homes.

Charles H. Matteson, who is a patient at the hospital, said that he had been at the hospital for three and a half months without treatment of any kind save two doses of salts, for which he had asked. He said the food was much poorer than he had when in actual service.

Clarence Hester, a sailor, charged that he was given nothing except bread and mush to eat, and that it was served only twice a day.

"I was beaten up no less than a dozen times with the knowledge and sanction of officers," said he.

### MORE U. S. CAPTIVES FREED BY GERMANY

*Manhattan and Brooklyn Men Are on Latest List.*

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The War Department made public to-night a list of American soldiers and sailors held prisoners by Germany who have been released to England.

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### ARREEMENT NEAR ON WAR REVENUE BILL

*Senate and House at One on All Except Tax Features.*

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Rapid progress in reaching a final agreement on the war revenue bill was made to-day by the conferees and Chairman Simmons of the Senate managers said to-night it was planned to complete the work to-morrow and to report Saturday.

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### HARVARD UNIT TREATS 152,000

*Handed Nearly Tenth of All the British Wounded in France.*

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 28.—With the arrival here to-day of the Harvard University Surgical Unit on the White Star Line steamship Megantic, from Liverpool, it was disclosed that nearly 10 per cent of all the British soldiers wounded in the recent battles were handled by this New England company.

The Megantic will proceed to Portland, Me., to disembark the Americans who are not permitted by United States Army authorities to land at a Canadian port.

The Harvard unit, made up of twenty-two medical officers and 103 nurses, was organized in April, 1915, largely through the instrumentalities of Robert Bacon, former Ambassador to France, and Sir William Osler.

Upon arriving in France the unit was assigned to British General Hospital No. 22, Sevres, where it treated 126,000 wounded, together with 25,000 more at casualty clearing stations. The British officers and men wounded in France totalled approximately 1,833,000.

### ARMY TO AVOID "HOSPITALIZATION"

*Patients Released When Able to Care for Themselves.*

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Surgeon-General General announced to-day that it was the War Department's policy to retain wounded and sick soldiers at military hospitals only long enough to restore their health to a degree which would permit them to return to their former occupations. It was not the purpose to treat the men indefinitely, he said, and thus expose them to "hospitalization."

The Surgeon-General at the same time made public the conditions under which soldiers would be discharged from treatment. Men to be retained under military control include those suffering from acute diseases or uncontrollable lesions, from communicable diseases, and disabilities which can be corrected with the term of enlistment of the patient, and those suffering from chronic or permanent disabilities which are susceptible of improvement or fit them for the industrial opportunities of the training course provided by the Federal Board for Vocational Training.

In the accomplishment of this policy, the announcement added, "it is the intention to restore officers and soldiers who are held in service to health and function as fully as possible, considering the nature of their disabilities, the limitations of the military service and the other provisions which the Government has made for the care of the permanently disabled."

Soldiers who have been blinded or their eyesight much impaired will, under the medical care to be retained until they are able to care for themselves or are otherwise physically unable to care for themselves, be retained until they learn to lip reading. Cases of amputation of the leg or arm, or both, are to be kept in the hospitals until permanent artificial limbs or arms are provided and reasonable proficiency in their use reached.

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The following enlisted men of the army have been released and arrived in Leith, Scotland:

FRIDAY, Leslie E., Hammond, Ind.

THE FOLLOWING SEAMEN HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND HAVE ARRIVED IN SCOTLAND:

KELLY, Mike (Oiler), New York.

STINESEN, Harold, Norway.

SHEDDEN, Richard L., Oakland, Calif.

GRAHAM, Leo, New York.

O'NEILL, John E., Houserville, Pa.

WITMER, Frank J., Philadelphia.

WITMER, Arthur N., Washington, D. C.

ENRIGHT, Thomas R., West Hoboken, N. J.

WITMER, Frank J., Jersey City, N. J.

WITMER, Samuel D., 42 Avenue B, New York.

WITMER, Andrew G., Patton, Pa.

WITMER, George H., Linden (W. B.).

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